

REMARKS

All claims pending in the application, namely Claims 3, 4 and 6-13, stand finally rejected as being obvious over Kono in view of Smigo.

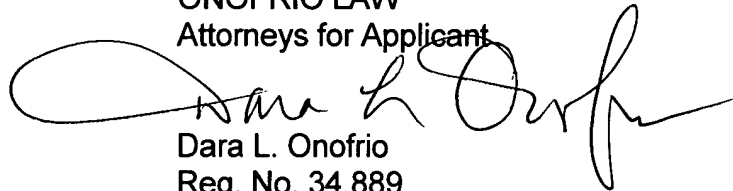
As now amended independent Claim 12 defines that the polymer range is "below 75 weight %." In contrast the catPVA range taught by Kono, as illustrated in the examples is between 77 to 90% by weight.

Independent Claim 13 is further defined to clarify that the binder used in the receptive layer is only gelatin.

Applicants submit that this application is now in condition for allowance. No new matter has been introduced by the amendments herein. Reconsideration of this application and allowance of pending Claims 3,4 and 6-13 are hereby requested. If a telephone interview would be useful to advance this case, then the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

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